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A brief of an Act of Parliament, humbly desired for the relief of the distressed Protestants of IRELAND, who have lost their Estates by the present Rebellion there, and to enlarge and explain these former Acts already passed, for the more speedy and effectuall reducing of the Rebells of IRELAND to their due Obedience to His Majesty, and the Crown of ENGLAND. *A. D.* 1644

1. THat such, and so many Commissions may issue forth as the Lords and Commons in Parliament shall think fit, and to such Commissioners as they shall name, to examine their losses, what they have been since the 23 of *October* last; these to be returned to the Parliament, and thereupon every mans losses, to be adjudged what they are.

2. That he that shall thus be found to have lost 1000*l.* and shall pay 200*l.* more towards the maintenance of the War, may have 2000 Acres of Land, &c. to lie in *Leinster*, of the Rebels Lands forfeited, at 6*d. per* Acre Rent: And paying 150*l.* to have 2000 Acres in *Munster* at 5*d. per* Acre Rent: And paying 100*l.* to have 2000 Acres in *Connaught* at 4*d. per* Acre Rent: And paying 100 Marks to have 2000 Acres in *Vister* at 3*d. per* Acre Rent: And to hold of His Majesty as the under-writers in the first Propositions are to hold theirs, and when they shall be first satisfied.

3. That all Souldiers, Officers, and others, that have, or shall be employed in this Warre, and shall desire to be satisfied his pay or entertainment, or any part of it in Lands, of the Rebels Lands: for every 20*s.* that he shall acquit of his pay, to have an Acre of Land to lie in *Leinster*, at 8*d. per* Acre Rent: For every 18*s.* an Acre in *Munster*, at 6*d. per* Acre: For every

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16*s.* an Acre in *Connaught*, at 4*d. per* Acre Rent: For every 15*s.* an Acre in *Vlster* at 3*d. per* Acre Rent; and this to be no prejudice to any of them for any reward of the Rebels Lands to be given them for their good service.

4. That a better Trade and Manufacture may be introduced and brought into that Kingdom, and to raise more money, Every one that shall adventure 10*l.* or more, to have so much Houses and Lands in any the fortified Cities, and old Corporations of *Ireland*, where he shall choose to be planted, as shall be of the value of 20*l.* paying 20*d.* yeerly Rent to His Majesty, and so ratably for every 10*l.* to be disbursed, to have 20*l.* worth in houses, paying 1*d.* Rent to His Majesty for every pound he shall disburse.

5. That any City, Corporation, Body Politique, Company, Yeuld, Fraternity, Society, Shire, County, or other persons that shall be desirous to plant one of them entire by themselves, to have any of them upon the same tearms as before.

And for raising present moneyes by the Propositions, the same shall be valued at present by the receivers of the moneyes in *Guild-hall*, and the persons adventuring to be agreed betwixt them, what such Adventurers shall lay down at present, to be afterwards ascertained by Commission, and then to be cleerly setled according to this Proposition, and to have new Charters granted, with such Priviledges as shall be fit, &c.

6. That becausе a great part of these Cities, and old Corporations are Chantery Lands, and given to superstitious uses, for maintenance of popish Priests, and have been the very Nurseries and encrease of Popery there; Therefore these Messuages and Lands may be given to the King, and so made liable to this Plantation.

7. That such as by Commission from His Majesty, or from the Lords Justices of *Ireland*, or other like Power and Authority, have served the State in this Warre, and raised many Companies

panies of Horſe and Foot, and paid them at their own charges; That when hereafter it ſhall be examined by Commiſſion what their Services, and merit hath been; And what Coſts and Charges they have been at, they may receive the publike Faith of the Parliament, to have ſome conſiderable ſatisfaction and reward out of the Rebels Lands for their Services, &c.

8. That if any ſhall hereafter as Voluntiers, ſerve the State in this Warre at their own coſts and charges, they may be recompenſed in like manner.

9. That that part of the Province of *Connaught*, and divers other Baronies and Territories of Land, to which His Majeſty ſtands intituled upon record, and was to have been planted, and yet continued in the poſſeſſion of the Rebels untill the time of the Rebellion, That theſe Lands may be made as lyable, and ſubject to ſatisfie the Adventurers in the former, and theſe Propoſitions as the Rebells Lands to be forfeited, &c.

10. That to avoyd all fraudulent eſtates and conveyances made by the Rebels, The former Act be enlarged to extend to all Reverſions, &c. and remainders depending upon any eſtate Tail in poſſeſſion, for that otherwiſe th re may be ſome ſuch uſes limited, &c. as the forme Act will ſcarcely meet withall.

11. That to avoid all queſtions about other admeaſurements of theſe Lands to be planted for the time to come, after the Adventurers ſhall become once poſſeſſed and ſetled in their Lots of Lands; which thing hath raiſed many inconveniences, and brought much dammage to Planters formerly, A Clauſe be incerted to bar His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, for making any other more demands of Titles to the ſame, &c. for the time to come, and to avoyd all further admeaſurements hereafter, &c.

12. Then to enlarge the time of under-writing in the former Acts of Parliament, according to the former Propoſitions therein mentioned, after the 20 of *July* next, without limitati-

on till the Warre ended.

13. That in every particular Pariſh thorowout the Kingdom, and Dominion of *Wales*, one may be appointed by the Sheriff of the Shire or County, ſuch as they will anſwer for, to receive Subſcriptions and Moneyes, and for to return the ſame to the ſaid Sheriffs, and they to return them unto the Chamber of *London*; And that the Parſon of every Pariſh may at ſome one time after Divine Service ſtirre up his Pariſhioners to contr bute to the work.

14. That a Clauſe of Denization be inſerted for all ſuch of the Dutch Nation as ſhall adventure, making them capable to inherit that Land upon which they ſhall thus be planted, and to make them, their Iſſues and Poſterities as true Subjects thereof, as any His Majeſties born Subjects in that Kingdom.

15. That the ancient Britiſh Planters in *Ireland*, their Heirs, and Aſſignes, may have all ſuch Lands and Tenements of their Plantations as they have formerly granted out in Fee Farms and Leaſes, to ſuch perſon and perſons as are now become Rebels, to hold as in their firſt Eſtates, paying to His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, the yeerly Fee Farm Rents, and other Rents reſerved, during all the continuance of ſuch Leaſes, Eſtates, and Intereſts.

16. That ſuch of the ſaid Britiſh Planters as have been lately drawn, much againſt their wills, to repaſle their Lands upon thoſe Commiſſion and Commiſſions ſet on foot for remedying of defective titles, and to alter their Tenures from Soccage to Capite, with encreaſe of Rents: Such of them as ſhall think fit to ſurrender & cancell their ſaid Letters Patents, may be admitted to hold by their former Tenures, with encreaſe of Rents notwithſtanding, as are now reſerved in theſe grants laſt made; the rather, becauſe His Majeſty heretofore was graciouſly pleaſed to grant the ſame to the Committees which came over from the Parliament of *Ireland*, but have been interrupted by this Rebellion.

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17. That he which hath already ſubſcribed 600*l*, as that ſhall ſubſcribe hereafter 600*l*, may have a Mannor in *Munſter* if his lot falls there, the miſtake of the former Act of Parliament notwithſtanding.

18. That he which hath, or ſhall underwrite, more then 600 *l*, ſhall at his election, either create the ſame into one intire Mannor, or for every 600*l*, he ſhall adventure to have ſo many ſeverall Mannors, at his election the former Acts of Parliament notwithſtanding.

19. That whereas by a cleer computation, the two Millions and a half of Acres; in the firſt Propoſitions, doth not ſatisfie the Million of money deſigned to be raiſed by 312 50*l*, or thereabouts, that ſo much more of the Rebels Lands be allotted out for that, as ſhould countervail the whole money.

20. That as well thoſe who have already underwitten, as thoſe who ſhall hereafter underwrite any ſummes of money, according to the former Acts of Parliament, or that is to have any of the Rebels Lands to be allotted to him, according to this Act of Parliament, ſo ſoon as they have paid in their whole monyes, and received their acquittances for the ſame by deed Indented; or by their laſt Wills, and Teſtaments, may grant, aſſigne, deviſe, or bequeath all their demands of, and unto any part of the Rebels Lands, and their Lots, and Shares to be had therein; And ſuch grantee, and deviſee, to have the ſame demand right, and pretence, and to receive the ſame fruit and benefit of the ſame ſubſcription as the underwriter, or other perſon ſo intereſſed, and pretending as aforeſaid may or might have done, if it had continued ſtill in his own perſon.

21. That ſuch as ſhall deſire to be planted together, ſo many of them joyning or any ſum that ſhall not exceed 10000*l*, may firſt draw one lot to be after ſubdivided and granted to them in ſeverall, as if they had ſubſcribed ſingly each man by himſelf, and this to extend to thoſe which have al-

ready underwritten, as those that shall hereafter underwrite in any the propositions whatsoever.

22. That such as have underwritten, or shall underwrite in the former, or in these propositions any sum of money, which he is to pay in time, and shall now pay in hand, shall have his Land set out unto him, according to Irish measure, *viz.* to consist of eightscore Perches or Poles, and every Perch or Pole 21. foot; whereas by those Propositions, he is to have but sixteen foot and a half.

23. That if there shall not be sufficient of the Rebells Lands for to satisfie all these adventures, and persons to be satisfied according to these Acts of Parliament, they are content otherwise to receive such satisfaction as the Parliament shall think fit.

24. That all such Merchants of *London*, and of other Cities and Corporations, and elsewhere in this Kingdom, that have lost any debts in *Ireland*, by this rebellion. As the distressed Protestants of *Ireland*, who have lost there personall Estates, and Goods, and shall desire to adventure in the Propositions aforesaid; concerning the planting of the foresaid Cities and Boroughes of *Ireland* by this Rebellion; if before the day of next they shall pay a moyety of such moneyes, as is to be paid by others in that adventure, they may have the other moyety allowed to them towards the recompence of their losses. *Viz.* For every 5*l*, by them so to be disbursed in ready money, to have the value of 20*l* in Houses and Lands given them, accompting 5*l* more in every such sum of x*l*, to be allowed towards the said losses, and the other moyty of the whole, they are to have as those that shall adventure therein, and are not so concerned therein as they.

25. That such person and persons, as shall at indifferent rates, furnish the Souldiers in *Ireland* with cloathings of Linnen, or Wollen, Victualls, Corne, or other provisions, necessary for there subsistance; And for the better proceed of

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the Warre to be delivered in to any of the Magizens, either heer, or there, appointed, or to be appointed for that purpose, shall have such proportions of Lands, of the Lands of the Rebels, as the same shall amount unto, and shall underwrite the same, as the adventurers in the first propositions, and have a receipt thereof from those appointed to receive subscriptions in the Chamber of *London*, as for monies paid, and shall receive a like lot for the same in all things with the adventurers, in the first propositions.

26. That for satisfaction of the adventurers in these propositions, it is declared, That in case the Warre shall not be ended after the underwriting, and expence of the said whole Million of money, and of other, the moneyes to be raised by this Act, That in such case, they shall not be inforced or compelled by means, or reason of any ingagements by their subscriptions, and adventures aforesaid, to disburse or lay out, any more, or other summe or summes of money for their said Lands to be so assigned, and set out unto them after the Warre ended.

27. That if the Inhabitants and Parishioners of any Parish, Villadge, or Hamblet, will adventure any summe of money for Land, shall have a lot of Land for the same, out of the Rebels Lands, the profit whereof, to go to the use of such Parishes, &c. for ever.

28. That to extinguish the barberous Irish names of Townes, and Villadges in *Ireland*. And to assumulate them in name, as other things to the names of Towns in *England*, and to divide Parishes there, now ten miles and more in circuite, to a fit proportion; for setling of Churches in a convenient place for conveniency of the Parishioners, assembling to divine service; for providing a competent means for a preaching Ministery, &c. The Commissioners to be appointed by the Parliament, when the War shall be ended, may have power by this Act amongst other things to do the same. Every particular

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Branch of this Act hath its ſeverall Motives, and Reaſons inſerted, together with its proceedings, and the reaſons of the things deſired to paſſe. Which theſe generalls do comprehend.

29. That ſuch diſtreſſed Proteſtants of *Ireland* as are Farmers of Lands or Tenements in *Ireland*: and now by means of this Rebellion, are drawn away and inforced to quit their poſſeſſions for ſafety of their lives, and can reap no fruit and benefit of their Farms, that they may be freed from payment of any Rents; ſo long as by meanes of this Warre, they ſhall be hindered to perceive and receive the profits.

30. That theſe Rebels now after this their ſo barbarous and bloudy murthers and maſſacres of His Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects of *Ireland*: And their robbing and diſpoiling them of all their goods, chattells, and perſonall eſtates. The burning and demoliſhing their Caſtles, houſes, the waſting their Lands, univerſally almoſt throughout that whole Kingdom, and other their unparalleld proceedings, to have totally ſubverted that Government, ſupplanted the Proteſtant Religion; to have introduced the authority of the See of *Rome*; and to have framed and ſet up a new forme of Government there amongſt themſelves, to the utter deſtruction of His Majeſtie, and His Poſterity. After all this, they may not be received unto protection, or to come in upon any other tearms and conditions whatſoever; then referring themſelves wholly to His Majeſties mercy, and the Law, to be delt withall as His Majeſty by the High Court of Parliament ſhall be directed; which otherwiſe will dishearten and abandon all the remain of His Majeſties Brittiſh Subjects yet left there; to ſet down and replant any more amongſt them, never to be ſecure of their lives or eſtates: And this can no more incenſe, or irritate them, then already by the former Acts of Parliament, this Seſſion made for reducing them to their obedience; but hereby much further ſatisfaction will be given to His Majeſties good Subjects therein concerned.

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1. THat there is nothing in it, but doth promote the Warre in hand, againſt thoſe Rebels, and the ſpeedy reducing of them to their obedience, and will raiſe great ſummes of money for that purpoſe.

2. That by this means a great revenue will be ſetled to the Crown, which will make that Kingdom, not only afterwards for to ſubſiſt of it ſelf, and maintain its own charge, but will become ſufficiently able in a ſhort time to return a ſatisfaction to this Kingdom, of thoſe great expenſes it hath already, and ſhall further put this Kingdom unto, by this Rebellion.

3. That it will every way advance the peopling, planting, civillizing, and ſecuring that Realm, for the future, and time to come: when thus upon the matter, All, or moſt part of the Proteſtants in all His Majeſties Dominions, with ſome of thoſe of the united States alſo, will be involved together in this work; and thus ingaged, to make a univerſall plantation of it with Religious Proteſtants.

4. That by this means popery will be extinguiſhed, and the Proteſtant Religion flouriſh there, and this thus with His Majeſties other Kingdoms, it will be able to aſsiſt him in whatſoever undertaking, for the maintenance and ſupport of His honour and greatneſſe, and by Him, of the Proteſtant party throughout all Chriſtendom.

5. And thus thouſands of diſtreſſed Proteſtants, eſcaped from the bloudy hands of thoſe mercileſſe Rebels, ſome with the loſſe of fathers, ſome of mothers, ſome of husbands, ſome of wives, ſome of children, ſome of friends, ſome of ſervants, and of their goods and perſonall eſtates, ſome of all, and of all ſome, ſhall be relieved, and but out of thoſe Rebels Lands, who have been ſo tyrannous and cruell to them; a thing of the greateſt equity.

6. And all this ſhall be done to thoſe, who have already thus farre merited in the ſervice of that Common-wealth; that beſides their loſſes aforeſaid ſuſtained, pleading for their relief, they have undergone, and ſerved that Kingdome from a total and utter ruine and deſtruction, in

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that eminency of danger in the beginning of that Rebellion, and ſithence, before ſupplies, and ſuccours were; or could be ſent from hence (in which time had they not quitted themſelves like men) the whole Kingdom had been endangered, and ſubject to the mercy of thoſe mercileſſe and bloodthirſty Tyrants.

7 *It ſhall be done to thoſe who are now onely left, the free ſubjects of that Realm to undergo and perform thoſe Offices of Truſt, and legall Rites and performances neceſſarily required in the execution of the Laws of the Land, and by which things muſt move to the Reformation there, both in Church and State.*

8. *And if that Kingdom (under correction) ſhall be conceived to be ſo farre ſubſiſtant of it ſelf, or independant, as that the Parliament, and the Laws there in force, ſhall be thought neceſſary, as well to attaint thoſe Rebells, and confiſcate their Eſtates, as for to confirm and corroborate what is, and ſhall be by the Parliament here ſo well begun for the future ſettlement thereof, Why ſhould not* he that ſerves at the Altar, partake of the Offering? *and that* bears the burthen, receive the benefit? *May it not trouble them to be ſet aſide, and to ſee others, meerly ſtrange to that Common wealth preferred before and over them, and they offering upon the matter as valuable a conſideration (all things conſidered) as any other gives for thoſe Lands? and yet theſe muſt do their buſineſſe ſtill, though thus diſinabled, without hope ever to attain again unto that Fortune and Eſtate which thus they had at the time that the Rebellion begun: And thus alſo they ſhall be enforced alſo to depart with that little left (to be reſtored at the ending of the Warre) towards ſatisfying of their debts, contracted both before and ſince this Rebellion begun, for meer neceſſaries, wherewith for to live, and to preferre and provide for their wives, children, and families that are left, out of it, if it may poſſibly ſuffice.*

9 *The Petitioners cannot imagine they ſhould have any ſuch of their own Nation of* Ireland, *nor amongſt theſe here, that will object againſt them herein, that hereby too great a Revenue will be raiſed to the Crown; for ſurely as ſuch a one cannot be ſaid to be* Cæſars *friend, ſo neither can*

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he be true Patriot to his Countrey, nor lover of his Countrey-men: and if any State-policy he hath here in, it must be of his own; for it's without bottome or understanding.

10. *And if such a one shall further object, That there will not be Lands enough to satisfie all that is thus desired by this Act, that objection is answered by the Act it self, That in such case no more is looked for, then that which may be had; and if there shall not be enough for to content all parties concerned, they will relye upon the wisedome and goodnesse of the Parliament in such case, for to be recompenced either with restitution of what they shall thus disburse, or in some such other way as they shall think fit.*

11. *But if such a one shall further object, and say, That the Petitioners being thus necessitated as they make themselves; there can be no expectation that they should advance any monies towards maintenance of the said Warre in hand as they propound; and therefore without ground or reason do make these propositions; which may receive this answer, That every one that is needy and necessitous, is not therefore friendlesse, and without help, and it is a greater motive to him that supplyed my wants before, without hope of retribution to do it now much more, when he shall see a possibility of satisfaction, at least to do me that good, which will rid him of me as a continuing burthen; which otherwise in charity, he had been still subject, and lyable unto. Howsoever it will rid the Parliament from the trouble of many Petitions in this kinde, who when they shall have thus laid down a way for every mans satisfaction, that will apply himself unto it, it shall be his own fault, that will not or cannot lay hold of the remedy, and more from the Parliament then this cannot be expected; and it will satisfie all reasonable men that are thus concerned, to sit down and acquiesse in it.*

12. *And if yet such a one shall further prosecute his resolutions against the proceeding of this Act, for any more reserved, and private respects, and relations of his own; The Petitioners can conclude of him, to be no other then such a one, who of necessity must have many of his friends now out in Rebellion, for whom he shall thus covertly plead for*

pardon, in hope assuredly of their restitution both in blood and estates. That so all things may there once again be reduced to that their Popish Idolatrous wont of living amongst themselves, untill processe of time shall gain them a like opportunitie, to do His Majesties Protestant Subjects there a farre worser mischief, if possible the confusion both of that Church and State.

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